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## 8. Candlemas Day,

Half your corn and half your hay.

(This applies also to wood and coal.)

9. If it rains when the sun is shining, it will be rainy the next day.

10. When wood on the fire makes a peculiar hissing noise, it is said to tread snow, and there will soon be a storm.

11. If a storm clears off in the night, pleasant weather will last but a few hours.

12. There will be as many snow-storms during the winter as the date on which the first one of the season occurs. For instance, if the first snow fall of snow occurs November 25th, there will be twenty-five snow-storms.

13. If the stars are remarkably clear and bright, it is likely there will be a storm the next day.

14. Fog in winter is always succeeded by cold and wind.

15. If the first Sunday in the month is rainy, the succeeding Sundays will also be rainy. — *Henry M. Brooks, Salem, Mass.*

CUSTOM OBSERVED IN PLANTING A FRUIT-TREE. — In planting a fruit-tree, it is important to have a growing child jump over it! Some mysterious sympathy in growth is alleged as the explanation. This proceeding seems to have died out in this neighborhood, if indeed it ever generally prevailed, but was common and traditional on the Eastern Shore of Maryland not very long ago. — *W. H. Babcock, Washington, D. C.*

GAME OF THE FARMER AND HIS WIFE. — In a school on Long Island, composed almost entirely of German children, a favorite play is one they call "Heigho! A Cherry, O!" The children stand in a ring. One within it represents "the farmer." The children go round and round, singing: —

Heigho! a Cherry, O!

A Cherry, O!

A Cherry, O!

Heigho! a Cherry, O!

The farmer takes a wife.

Here the farmer chooses one from the ring who stands by his side.

In succeeding verses "the wife" takes "the nurse," "the nurse" takes "the child," "the child" takes "the dog," "the dog" takes "the cat," but on the cat's coming into the ring, the verse is sung as usual until the last line is reached, when the children substitute,

The cat shan't stay!

and violently clap their hands. All change places, with the exception of the cat, who now becomes the farmer. This is somewhat different from the version of this game contained in the "Games and Songs of American Children." — *Julia D. Whiting, Holyoke, Mass.*

LINES FROM THE COVER OF AN OLD BIBLE. — In Mr. R. A. Grider's valuable antiquarian collections of the Mohawk Valley I find the following lines from the inside of the cover of an old Bible. From the spelling of the names it must have been quite old: —

Sefrines Deygerd his Book  
 Got Give him Grace thair in to Loke  
 not alone to Looke but to understand  
 that Learning is better than house and land  
 When Land is gone and money Spent  
 then Learning is most Axelant  
 When I am Dead and in grave Laid  
 When I am gone and Rotton  
 if this You Se Remamber me  
 When others is forgotton."

Warner Deyger's name appears by the ornamental work below this, but the family name has long been contracted to Dygert. — *W. M. Beauchamp.*

A WEEKLY JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGY. — Professor A. Hermann, editor of the "Ethnologische Mittheilungen aus Ungarn," published at Budapest, announces a plan of a very daring nature. This is nothing less than the replacing of the magazine above mentioned, after the close of its first volume, by a weekly international review of researches and ethnologic studies, designed to constitute, in the words of the programme, a "central review," critical and literary, of this department. The publication of such a journal in Hungary is, in the opinion of the writer, justified by its central position among European ethnic groups. Articles will be contributed and printed in the language of the authors, whether, French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, or Hungarian. The appellation assumed will be the now consecrated title of "Folk-lore;" the subscription is to be fourteen francs a year. The editors will be A. Hermann and L. Katona. The size will be at first of the modest proportions of one sheet for each number, but will be enlarged as means are obtained. With regard to this project, we may remark that it does not appear to us desirable that extended ethnographic communications should be printed in a weekly journal, which could produce them only in a disconnected form, but such publication may be of great use as an index and means of communication, and it is not a little interesting to observe this attempt to make the capital of Hungary a centre of ethnological research. — *W. W. N.*

A MOHAWK LEGEND OF ADAM AND EVE. — In this legend, as printed in No. VI. (vol. ii. p. 228), the conclusion does not appear. The following paragraph should be added: —

"After their fall, Adam and Eve were punished. They were taken up a high mountain and suspended from a precipice by their forefingers, and are hanging there at the mercy of the winds. They are there to this day. — *A. F. Chamberlain.*

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